



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

The Sunset City

MEETING MINUTES OF THE HUACHUCA CITY TOWN COUNCIL

April 23, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

500 N. GONZALES BLVD.

HUACHUCA CITY, AZ 85616

A. Call to Order – Mayor

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call and Ascertain Quorum

B. Roll Call.

Roll Call.

Present: Johann Wallace, Christy Hirshberg, Nallely Arreola (online), Danielle Cardella, Debra Trate, Cynthia Butterworth, Geovona Thompson, Town Manager Suzanne Harvey (Not voting), Town Clerk Brandye Thorpe (not voting), Town Attorney Thomas Benavidez (Not voting).

Absent:

- c. Invocation- Given by: Rajan Zed, President, Universal Society of Hinduism

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B. Call to the Public – Mayor

A.R.S. 38-431.01 states the Public Body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Public Body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the Public Body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Public Body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the Public Body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

Mayor Wallace recognizes Mr. Newcomb.
Mr. Newcomb speaks.

C. Consent Agenda - Mayor

All items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered routine matters and will be enacted by one motion of the Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Member of the Town Council requests that an item or items be removed for discussion. Council Members may ask questions without removal of the item from the Consent Agenda. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered in their normal sequence as listed on the agenda, unless called out of sequence.

- C.1 Consider approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 9, 2026.
- C.2 Consider approval of the Payment Approval Report.

Motion: Items listed on the Consent Agenda Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion: Approval of the items on the Consent Agenda, **Action:** Approve, **moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.**
Motion passed unanimously.

D. Unfinished Business before the Council – Mayor

Public comment will be taken at the beginning of each agenda item, after the subject has been announced by the Mayor and explained by staff. Any citizen, who wishes, may speak one time for five minutes on each agenda item before or after Council discussion. Questions from Council Members, however, may be directed to staff or a member of the public through the mayor at any time.

E. New Business Before Council - Mayor

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E.1 Discussion and/or Action [Attorney Benavidez and Special Counsel Steve Wene]: Executive [closed] session, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(3) & (4), for legal advice and to direct the attorneys concerning the litigation over the Town's water rights, *In re the General Adjudication of All Rights to Use Water in the Gila River System and Source*, Case No. W-1, W2, W-3, and W-4 (AKA the "Gila Adjudication"). The Town, along with several other parties, is defending its water rights claims in this litigation pending in Maricopa County Superior Court.

Following the executive session, the Council is expected to give directions to the attorneys, possibly including authorization to appeal the trial court's rulings.

Motion: Item E.1 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion: Executive Session Action: Enter, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion: Back into regular session Action: Enter, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion: To proceed with the appeal of the trial court ruling Action: Direct the Attorneys, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

E.2 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey/Chief Berry]: Update on the Skyline Rd. improvement project and road closures.

Mayor Wallace: And just for the recording sake, did not start the recording until just now. We did have an executive session and I didn't want to run the risk of having the recording going while we had the session at the beginning of the meeting. So with that, we are aligned on Facebook and we're going back to number E2.

Motion: Item E.2 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Manager Harvey: Mayor, Council, I'll go first and then I'll turn it over to Chief to talk about traffic. I wanna give you a quick update on what's going on with Skyline Drive. We waited a long time for this and it's exciting that it's finally here, but it'll be painful for a minute. All things are painful for a minute, right? So we know that it's managed by ADOT. We went into an agreement with them. Several probably. I guess a year and a half ago and K&G were selected to be the contractors. We've been attending some pre planning meetings and when I say we, I mean key members of staff, myself Doc Johnson, the chief. As we move forward to the project, they are scheduled to come and do a traffic control site visit and I'll let Chief talk about that in a minute. We want to make sure that we've captured all the nuances of what we need to do for traffic to ensure that not only do we maintain that access to the landfill so that our customers can get there, but also that it's safe for pedestrians and then the apartment complex is a unique challenge as well. So we've discussed a lot of things. Chief has some ideas, but we're going to be on site because some of these folks who may not have not been on site. So they're coming down tomorrow and we will be on those roads so that we can look at them and make sure we make the best decision. Construction does start next week. If you didn't know that, we have been putting it on our Facebook page. So I assume that you knew it. It's supposed to end in December, according to the project schedule that I received today, and if any of you want to see it, it's too big. I could not make it display. I emailed you, figured maybe the Mayor would want to see it because it's those beautiful little it's a project plan, but it's a Gantt chart, yes.

So that shows it ending in December mid-December. However, all of the information that we have been sending out says April 2027 because that's what they asked us to do because projects, as we all know, we've got the monsoon. We've got different things. Rather set the public's expectation for the worst case and then end up with the best case. We have given notice to the businesses and the public in many ways. We made in person visits, the chief and I did to all the businesses on Gonzales. We took Flyers to residents, residences on Edgewood and in that area and have done our best to notify everyone about the upcoming road constructions. There is a project website on the ADOT web page because it's an ADOT managed project. And that is on the Flyers that we've been handing out, and it was on the advertisement that we put on Facebook. So this is a very busy slide and I condensed some things because again their project plan is very, very long and very, very detailed. But I wanted to give you at least an idea. This is just for the roadway this doesn't include the pathway. So they're gonna do the roadway first so you can see that they really do intend to finish that roadway fairly quickly. I guess it's not that quickly, but in September. There will be delays. I just want to make sure everybody realizes that, but that's the schedule that they currently have published and if they do their project planning right, they're going to have built in time the potential for delays. So you know what you're seeing on there may not actually you know, in reality, take eight days to place a compact AB along that wall stretch. But they built in that. It is pretty hard to properly project planning. They build in that lead time and they built in to be to not work at all for the week and 4th of July because we have so much going back and forth. Where we're taking fireworks and things like that so they will not be working the week of the 4th of July. This is the pathway project timeline and so you can see they're really kind of starting that at the very end of the road construction. And this one looks long, but a lot of that is just, you know, they're planting. They're planting things. It's the landscaping piece of it. So the actual construction of the pathway itself looks like it's going to move pretty quickly and this should not impact traffic at all. This is along the shoulder and received today and just gave it to Chief so he hasn't even just look at it. There will just be shoulder work. There will not be any road closures during this part of the project. We will continue to communicate with them. They will be having weekly construction meetings and one of us will attend each of those meetings and we will make sure because there will be and I'm sure that Chief is going to say this, there is likely to be some traffic changes from time to time based on where they're working and what they're doing and also what kind of traffic we're seeing, right. So we may have to adjust as we go, but when we do that, we're going to make sure that we notify the public. That everyone is well aware there will be flaggers in place too, I wanted to mention that during that whole process, the plans I saw today show 4 flaggers in place while they're doing the construction. They are planning to work from 6:00 in the morning till 2:00 in the afternoon. If they said to plan till four because sometimes they may go to four, but the actual work day is planned from 6:00 in the morning until 2:00 in the afternoon. And I think that's everything besides the traffic piece, but if you have questions for me, I can try to answer.

Mayor Wallace: Let's let Chief go, that way we get all the information that we can ask our questions.

Chief Berry: All right, this is a proposal for some of the road closures while we go through the Skyline project. Purpose of proposal is increase the safety, reduce the risk to the motorists and the road crews and assist with safe traffic movement through the area. Obviously the Town Manager and I and we've briefed and discussed the plans as well. This is an aerial view of Skyline and Gonzalez Blvd. And it also has Gila.

The proposal is going to be for our closure of Gonzalez to prevent any North and South traffic that crosses the intersection. One of those is because while they're running this project, it's going to be one way East or West, and that's why the flaggers are there. It'll increase the extra flaggers that we have in the area, then we have some traffic trying to come in and we're also trying to reduce all the backup on Highway 90 because a flagger stops because one car wants to cross Gonzalez. Then we're going to have multiple vehicles that could be backed up on Highway 90 causing a traffic problem there. On Gila, we want to close it at the actual northern side of South Gila and not the part across the street. And there is room for cars to turn around if they come down here. So they don't go all the way down to the intersection and have to turn around, and there's plenty of space there. And then of course, we have that close up of Gonzalez, that is on the South side. And we're going to close it just past the community garden where the entrance is there so nobody can make that right hand turn to go down to the intersection and it'll be closed off there so nobody was coming one way and starts making those turns off across the different paths there. And then on the north side, same thing up towards the Coca-Cola plant. We'll have some signs there that says that they can't make a left hand turn to come out and then it'll be closed at the main road. So we only have the little short sections that we plan on closing. So this is going to reduce the backup on Highway 90. That's one of the biggest parts of it. It's going to minimize the number of intersections, requiring the additional flaggers. It's going to improve safety for the road crews and motorists. It's going to prevent vehicles from traversing the different levels while they're ripping out the asphalt, and then you've got AB that's laying down and you got the asphalt. The cars are going north or South. They're gonna have to transfer, go across all that traffic and it's going to decrease unnecessary traffic congestion, slowing the project operations. And, once again, I want to make sure that everybody is aware that this closure will not prevent access to any businesses or any town facilities. That's the most important part because there are alternate routes available. We will have it open for the 4th of July. So they're gonna stop the project and we will be able to, we will open those intersections for the 4th of July in case we need to and Christmas parade if we go that far. And yes, and once the intersection has been completed, it's safe to open, we are gonna open those back up. So we we're not gonna keep it closed if they're done in August, so the plan is we will do a hard closure until they're done. This is gonna prevent some random opening and closing and confusion of our citizens that go there one day it's open and the next day there is closed and it's closed for four days. Setting the expectation early on is what we need to do, right? Lots of people might complain and we do know that this is going to be inconvenient for a few of the residents. However, the alternate routes will likely be quicker due to the one way traffic and the flaggers, and there are multiple alternate routes there. So the recommendation is that the Council approve the proposed closures for the project, with the understanding that it will be open for the 4th of July and it will open once the construction at each of those intersections are complete and no longer needed. And then if construction is delayed and goes into December, that we will have it open for our Christmas parade.

Mayor Wallace asks about the Post Office and if this will impact them.

Manager Harvey advises she has been in contact with the postmaster and they have no issue with ingress and egress using Mustang instead of Skyline. She has also spoken with Coca-Cola and Grasshopper and they also see no issue with using Mustang Road. The fire department is also tracking. It's gonna be more convenient for the emergency services to know that this road is closed because when it's random open and closing the fire department might be

responding to an emergency and get down there and the road is closed that particular day and have to go back around and go back out to 90 if they already plan. They're leaving the fire department, hit 90 and go past.

Mayor Wallace: So let's make sure that the sign signal works. Because I definitely wanna make sure that we're, you know, 'cause before we can just make make easy traffic. But if we're gonna have to be in highway more, we need to make sure that the signal works so that if we have to hit the button to turn it on to stop traffic, if it's during the mid part of the day when it's busy and people don't like to even stop for someone in a crosswalk. Sorry, let's just make sure that works too, so that's all my thoughts.

Councilmember Arreola: I'm wondering, how, if at all, will it affect Salvation Army when they come down?

Manager Harvey: We've already met with them and we have an alternate plan for traffic for them. Which they handed out last Friday, and I believe it's actually might be a little more convenient for them as well. So they're going to come in off of School and then any overflow will be off Gila 'cause Gila is closed. We won't have anything, we can stage on Gila and then bring them in. They're gonna have extra rangers down there, all of them, to help with the traffic because they're gonna need people to point go here. Don't go there. Go here now.

Councilmember Butterworth: My only question is, are there gonna be crossing guards or anybody because the kiddos going to school going and coming?

Manager Harvey: So there will be a flagger at Gila and Gila is one place where there will be potential cross traffic and that because we can't close in the apartment complex, so we have to let them out. So there'll be a plan for them. But the school kids coming through there should be a flagger there that will be allowed to let the children cross.

Councilmember Butterworth: Yeah, that's my concern because kids wandering and oh, they get distracted by the construction equipment and then they end up going, you know, and disappearing forever. Parents might get a little upset, but as long as there's safe way for them to cross and not be in the way of the equipment, that was it.

Manager Harvey: We do have a meeting scheduled again tomorrow morning where we will be out on site 'cause there are a couple potential changes that could come up in this that may be a little more convenient and we will discuss the if those are valid.

Councilmember Thompson: My only concern was that in and you need to ask the question about the semi trucks, but trucks that are coming down the highway this way are gonna be able to do a U turn and go up the road? So I've seen semi trucks coming off the highway that come onto Skyline. They turn right onto Skyline. They turn left, so they're coming down the highway this way. They're turning right.

Manager Harvey: There will be a detour sign that'll keep them from doing that.

Mayor Wallace: Oh, because she's saying what she's saying. Hang on, hang on.

What's she saying is when you're coming off the highway, when you take, if they take a right from the Mustang, they're gonna keep taking a right. So basically, they're making a full turn.

Manager Harvey: They will have to come back, but it's a very short distance.

Mayor Wallace: It's not the distance it's making the turn itself.

Manager Harvey: It's are you talking about like the Coca-Cola trucks when they turn off and go up? So the Coca-Cola people said they would have no problem with that, that there's plenty of room for it.

Mayor Wallace: If there, if the people who are doing it say they can do it, or maybe they've done it then, OK, well, they have to make some very tight deliveries and lots of

Councilmember Thompson: So well, it's not about the delivery thing, it's about literally they are making a full U-turn. Off of the highway using Mustang to come back up Gonzalez, right?

Chief Berry: It's not a complete 180, there is a travel portion where they can straighten out and make the other second right.

Mayor Wallace: Cool alright

Chief Berry: And if we see that it's a problem, we will have to adjust. I mean, and I wanted to say that anyway, we want you to approve these closures with the understanding that there may be adjustments that have to be made once we're in it.

Manager Harvey: But the folks at the the Post office in Coca-Cola both said they could do it. We gave them the map and they said it would be not be a problem.

Motion: The hard road closures as discussed, but authorize staff upon approval of the Town Manager, to make the necessary adjustments during the duration of the project and not have to return to the council. Action: Approve, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.3 Discussion and/or Action [Attorney Benavidez and Zoning Official Dr. Jim Johnson]: Presentation concerning the need to update the Town's General [land use] Plan. The Town's General Plan must be reviewed and updated every ten years. Staff will seek the Council's direction regarding optional elements for consideration and possible inclusion in the updated plan. The process for updating the plan will also be discussed, including the public outreach process.

Motion: Item E.3 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.

Attorney Benavidez: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, I, we, put a little draft in your package just to give you an idea. I think I'm not gonna go through it. Read it, but it's time to update the general plan. So now's the time to think about, the town's already soliciting proposals for the work to be done. We have, we are obligated. So we're gonna have to spend some money to, you know, look at our general plan and update it. For a town our size, we really only have to have two elements to our general plan, and that's what's in our plan, our general plan now, but I wanted to make sure before you know, we move any further that the Council doesn't want to see anything else in the general plan. A lot of other towns that are bigger than us, they do these really beautiful general plans and they're really wonderful and they have all these different elements because, well, legally they're required to have all these other elements. But for you it's optional. So I laid out kind of the menu of other options that we can look at. And I don't know if there's any Council interest, but I wanted to know that. We wanted to know that before we kind of seal a deal with and bring you a, you know, a contract, you know, for approval for the vendor that only has the two elements and not the other elements. So now the time if you have any interest or you say you know I'd like to explore some of this you know now would be the time to bring it up. There would be extra work. We ask the vendor to do, they're gonna charge us more for it, but I'm not sure it's catastrophic. I mean, you're probably gonna already spend, you know, like 25,000 or something for this, for the, for the base work, you know. And I think if there's other things that

the Council wants to see, then we could, you know, work with the vendor to do more. I don't think it's gonna like double it or even add a third to the cost and we can find that out for you. But I just wanna gauge interest in whether you want us to pursue anything else or do you feel comfortable?

Mayor Wallace: Have you all read the plan lately? Yeah, I honestly had never read it and I read it right before you know, we put this together. And it's really interesting and it does kind of actually cover a little bit of everything that's here, but it's hard to talk about one thing and not the other.

Attorney Benavidez: But would you like to see more information than what's in the general plan now? Or do you feel comfortable with it?

Mayor Wallace: Before anybody answers that question, what is our timeline? And by when do we have to do this, next May?

Attorney Benavidez: Next May.

Mayor Wallace: We have a whole year. With that said, what Council benefit from being able to review the plan? Look at these recommendations before we come back and actually have that discussion.

Manager Harvey: Or would you prefer like a work session to have that discussion during?

Plan it out, move on, and then we go from there. Like we have a lot of new people.

Mayor Wallace: So what I'm hearing is we are not gonna give any guidance tonight. My direction is gonna be to council and the rest of staff too, really. Because we need, we can't generate a general plan without staff input. So if you have not reviewed the general plan, so Suzanne, we can give this task to you to pass your staff. Everybody needs to review the General Plan Council, we need to review the general plan and then we will put a work session on the calendar. After budget season. Because we got enough work sessions coming up because of the budget. So it'll give you guys time to read it, understand it maybe ask questions that Suzanne ask questions to Doc, get legal questions, working through Mr. Benavidez. So that I don't wanna rush into this. We wanna make sure you know we can get it right. So take some time. Read it and we will have a work session at some point this year. That way you have time to look at it, ask the questions and go from there.

Attorney Benavidez: Can I just ask like, as a practical matter, what's the best way for the Council to review it? Like, are you all comfortable just finding it online or do you want like the, I was gonna ask to send out a link? Or would you, like just a PDF of it? Like if there's any special request, get with the clerk and you know say hey, I'm having trouble finding it. 'Cause I didn't find it on our website, but then when I did a Google search for it, it was somewhere on the website. It's like 70 pages. It's just under 70 pages. It's not bad to read. It goes pretty fast because there's a lot of charts in there.

Manager Harvey: So, Sir, my recommendation is we have Brandye send a link, but if someone wants it printed, they can. E-mail her and request it to be printed. And so, Brandy, you e-mail a link to everybody. But then if you get the link and you would rather have a hard copy because you're trying to read it on your phone, she can print it and you can pick it up.

Mayor Wallace: Anything else to add from legal perspective?

Attorney Benavidez: Doc from our perspective and just well, just so you know, there is a significant community input process. I don't know how much you know, interest there will be, but there was a little bit 10 years ago when you went through it. So there is a community input component to it.

Mayor Wallace: So I think that's the way we're gonna go on this one. Obviously you know it's, I don't want anybody to make a rush decision, especially on the general plan. We wanna make sure that we can, you know, we don't update it every year. We're trying to do the staff updates recent updated every year. But we wanna also make sure that it is a complete accurate project. Umm, is there things in there that we don't need to have in there or we need to adjust because of things that are changed over the last 10 years? So that's really what it's about. So, like Suzanne said, e-mail Brandye or Brandye's gonna send out a link. If you want a physical copy, just let her know and we'll get that printed out so you guys can so, so whoever wants a physical copy can pick it up. And same thing for staff. And then we will, we'll start looking at a work session date down the line after budget season. So that should give everybody enough time to read the plan, dwell on it, ask questions, look at other plans in towns of similar sizes. Think about it and you know that way we have something in place to then inform the next budget cycle, because there's no way we're going to be able to do anything this budget cycle.

Manager Harvey: We just need to be done with the draft by March of 2027 because it's a 60 day review after that.

Mayor Wallace: Yeah, my goal is we're gonna have this work session this year, and we're gonna have the way forward. We'll put out the RFP for the contractor. We'll have the plan and everything in place and we'll already be moving forward, have the adjustments, everything goes. I want to be there by the end of the year because it's only, it's only April. Come on. It's not even May 1st yet. But I think we'll be fine. I mean I will make sure that we're pushing this one. Just want Council a staff time to review it and wrap their heads around. So I don't think I need to actually make a make a motion on that one. Pretty straightforward discussion and we'll come back to this one.

E.4 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: The owner of Cochise County parcel number 10647152U has approached the Town Manager with an offer to sell the portion of what's known as "Mustang Road" that traverses her property. Staff seeks direction from Council as to whether to pursue negotiations or reject the offer. It's possible the Council will enter into executive [closed] session, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(3) & (4), for legal advice and to direct the attorney concerning the Council's position on the offer.

Motion: Item E.4 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Cynthia Butterworth.

Attorney Benavidez: Mr. Mayor, I'm not sure there's a need for a legal, you know, an executive session. See what the gauged interest in that. If there is, we have that option on the agenda.

Manager Harvey: I actually would like the executive session if Mayor, Council are amenable to it. Unless you just wanna say you're not interested in purchasing anything at all. Because I think there's some nuance there that was maybe informed by the previous Executive Session. And I don't wanna mention it right in public. Because like the one we just had.

Mayor Wallace: OK. Umm. Well, let me ask some basic questions. How big of a piece of property are we talking about?

Manager Harvey: Well, I can't tell you the exact bit. Uh, essentially the, I guess the width of a row and maybe 10-15 feet on either side. Let's pull the map up. Let me show you. So on the map you can see that there's, this is our road, this is Mustang Rd., this yellow line going right up

here, right? And you can see that when it turns this way, that's a parcel that belongs to a person. And this is the black line. This is the the boundary of their parcel and it goes that weird shape over there. So that road does not belong to us. We found no record of any easement. We have no property records that show it belongs to us. She had records to show that it was her parcel. And so that piece of that road is not the Town's. And then, so that's this parcel. The road continues over this way. This is a whole other parcel with a different owner. And then this becomes county. So this is the border with county right there. And so, the person is wanting to sell us this piece that essentially goes from here, to here. And it's the road. And then all the way to this boundary and then a little bit on that side.

Mayor Wallace: I feel like when we look at this, there's no residences here. I see no value to the town.

Manager Harvey: I don't either except for it was brought to my attention by the owner and we would have to do due diligence, that there could be a possibility of a well on some of that property because there's supposedly an aquifer that goes through there. They want the offer, which has not been negotiated. It was just like, hey, I'd sell it to the town for this much. So it's \$25,000 for that little piece of road. I have several concerns and one of them is, so we buy this little piece of road, the owner of this property then is going to want the same thing, correct? Because that road continues on.

Mayor Wallace: Yeah, so, so OK, I heard what you said about a well on that property, that's, you know, guessing there's no guarantee. There's nothing there. And that piece of and this is that's why like I'm trying to keep this out of the executive session. I'm trying to be completely transparent, OK, because if there's no legal reason for us to go exit the session, I don't wanna go. I see, I don't see the value in, I don't see any value to the town.

I see a liability to the Town, right? And if that's, I mean we've been maintaining that for how long?

Manager Harvey: Forever. As far as I know, as long as Jim Halterman was here. So he was he retired after 25 years.

Motion: The purchase of parcel number 10647152U **Action:** Decline, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.5 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the intergovernmental agreement with the Arizona Department of Corrections for inmate labor. The Town has been using inmate labor for a number of years. This amendment would extend the agreement for another year.

Motion: Item E.5 **Action:** Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion: Amendment 3 to the IGA with the Arizona Department of Corrections **Action:** Approve, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.6 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: The Council will discuss whether to narrow the scope of calls to the public to issues that are within the jurisdiction and authority of the

Mayor and Council. Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.01(I), the Council has been inviting and receiving open comments from the public during its meetings, however the statute limits such comments to issues within the jurisdiction of the Council. The Council might direct staff to change the standard Council agenda language to clarify and emphasize the permissible scope of open calls to the public.

Motion: Item E.5 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Mayor Wallace: All right, first foremost, this, we're not going to stop the call to public. We're gonna keep that going. I just wanna make sure that it's clear that you know the intent of that call to the public is for folks to address the Council, address the public body about something that we can actually do something about it. So that's really what I just wanna make sure we're making that clarification. But I also wanna make sure by you know trying to specify that, we're not gonna run afoul of state law over the 1st Amendment, cause everybody has a right, you know, has a First Amendment right. I just wanna make sure that you know we can. We can ensure the scope is clear on what that the intent and purpose of that is. So that's what this is about.

Attorney Benavidez: Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, that's right. I mean, I think the issue is just the scope of it. And really, if you read the statute, the scope only gives us authority to have a call to the public. It has to be about things within the jurisdiction of the town. That's what the open meeting law says. So I think maybe we could, you know, add a sentence or a phrase to make it clear that it's just about things within the authority and jurisdiction of the town.

Motion: Go ahead and make the necessary adjustments to the language on our meeting agenda to clarify the open call to the public as discussed during this meeting.

Action: Direct Staff, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.
Motion passed unanimously.

E.7 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Amendment to the shuttle services Intergovernmental Support Agreement with the Ft. Huachuca Army Garrison. The Town has been providing shuttle services on the Army Base, and the demand for those services has increased. Council is asked to approve the proposed amendment which would increase services and revenue by approximately twenty percent.

Motion: Item E.7 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Manager Harvey: So they've asked us to increase and run two buses in the morning. Whereas in the past it was just occasionally when they called us. So it's a, it's actually probably a 25% increase of services that we already were paying the bus drivers anyway. So we don't have a 25% increase in cost. So we're increasing their cost by 20% to provide that additional service. I think that there's a couple takeaways we'll make a little bit more money, but also it tells me that they are very satisfied with the service. And that is good for us, because they're

gonna wanna stick with us and they'll give us more opportunities for some of these types of IGSA's if they're satisfied with the service. So I would ask that Mayor and Council approve the amendment, which just increases and the increase in service we're already providing, by the way, it increases what they're going to pay us for it.

Motion: The amendment to the shuttle services IGSA with Ft. Huachuca Army Garrison

Action: Approve, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.8 Discussion and/or Action [Suzanne Harvey]: Approval to purchase fireworks for the Town's annual Fourth of July event.

Motion: Item E.8 **Action:** Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Manager Harvey: mayor and Council this year, the 4th of July is also the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, and it's super exciting for me and I suspect it is for a lot of other people. And so I'm coming to council to ask for permission to spend a little bit more on fireworks this year for the very same show that we had last year. The price this year, because, like everything, it goes up, is \$6150 and that is for the exact show we had last year, which was a great show. But this year I, you know, my thought is that the community would probably appreciate something more. I also felt like, and I don't know if mayor and Council agree with this or what other thoughts were. It was kind of hard to tell we were at the finale because the finale seemed a lot like the rest of the show. So what I would like to do is spend a little bit more on that finale. We have received \$500.00 of donations towards our fireworks. So I believe that we could get another \$500.00 of donations, in which case I would ask to be able to spend the 6100 or the 6600. So I would ask if I can spend the 6150, but also if Mayor and Council would authorize me to spend additional donations, if we're able to get them and if you want to get me, then a ceiling that you want me to go to, but I believe we could put at least another \$1000 and not have it come out of the general fund. Have it come from donations. We also made some money off the circus. If Mayor Council wanted to put some of that, we made over \$2000 off that circus. Maybe you want to dedicate a part of that to our 4th of July fireworks. We will come back later to 4th to brief the 4th of July event because we want to jazz that up a little bit too, but we're not ready yet. But I gotta order the fireworks. So I had to get this on the agenda.

Motion: The Town Manager to spend what we budgeted for the fireworks, plus any extra money you receive from donations.

Action: Authorize, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed. Councilmember Butterworth voting Nay.

E.9 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: Second reading- Ordinance No. 2026-05 --
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL, AMENDING THE TOWN CODE TITLE 3
"REVENUE AND FINANCE," CHAPTER 3.05 "PROCUREMENT AND INVESTMENT," TO ADOPT
CHANGES TO PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES BY SHIFTING RESPONSIBILITIES**

FROM THE TOWN CLERK TO THE TOWN MANAGER AND RAISING THE DOLLAR AMOUNT THRESHOLDS FOR THE VARIOUS PROCUREMENT METHODS.

Motion: Item E.9 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion: Ordinance 2026-05 Action: Approve, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

E.10 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: PROCLAMATION NO. 2026-08 -- A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY, DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2026, AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY.

Motion: Item E.10 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

E.11 Discussion and/or Action [Mayor Wallace]: PROCLAMATION NO. 2026-09 -- A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY, DECLARING APRIL 24, 2026, AS ARBOR DAY IN THE TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY.

Motion: Item E.11 Action: Open for discussion and/or Action, moved by Johann Wallace, Seconded by Christy Hirshberg.

F. Reports of Current Events by Council

Councilmember Butterworth- We had the food distribution this month earlier. Next one will be in May and we had quite a few people coming through. We did hand out the Flyers that I couldn't read it, but somebody could, I guess as far as how we're get all I told people was coming off of school roads for this coming year or this but may work. We have the SVMPO meeting yesterday and Rtac is looking to change what 5013 C.Yeah. So with Kevin Adams being gone and they did do just the Rtac report. They did have submitted a letter in opposition to the proposed gas tax holiday and possibly impact on the state. Also, the hoc system signal is underway. They've completed the environmental study. There it is, and it's in the design phase which the design phase should not be that difficult because it'll be along the same lines as once on 7th St. Sierra Vista. So it's just getting through that which they guessed a month to two months to get through that. I don't know why. And then of course goes to bid on down the road so hopefully it won't take too long, but it's gonna be with the push button and the red lights and the overhead, and I don't know, maybe they'll have a marching band too to get some attention when the lights are lit. Also, we have on the tip. We have 3 two city projects. They're in the parking area. They're not the garage, but they're in parking spaces. Gonzales Blvd. To Yuma St. for the scoping for the Sidewalk design certificate for the Patton St. to School Dr. Sidewalk and then the Veterans Royal Wellness Park multi use pathway. So those are in the, they're in the parking spots. They're out of the garage, but they're not on the road, OK?

Yeah, it's semi progress. And our next MPO meeting will be June 4th. So that's all I have for right now.

Councilmember Cardella-

Councilmember Trate-

Mayor ProTem Hirshberg- So I was at the food distribution last Friday and yeah, people do know about the change. So and then I went to the circus yesterday and I took two people who had never been to a circus. One of them was a lady in her 70s, so and another person was somebody who no one in their family has ever gone to a circus. So the fun for me was the circus was good, but watching them and seeing how many pictures they took this morning. I was like, what in the world?

Councilmember Arreola- I attended the Tombstone High School ROTC change of command this week, the kids did an amazing job and also I was at the circus last night. It was great and I hope that we can bring it back again next year.

Councilmember Thompson- I also attended the circus. It was a really great show. I think it turned out that there was a large attendance and I would like to see it come back. I did have an issue with the dust. It was bad. It was very difficult to breathe in there and so in the future, we're gonna prepare for the circus maybe we can do a little bit more for that.

But overall, I think it was a really great event and people really, really enjoyed it.

Mayor Wallace- Yeah, the circus was awesome. Really good turn out both showtimes yesterday. It was fun being the the guest ringmaster inviting involving people.

Big thanks to Brandye and Elizabeth, who were there helping out with the handstamping and corralling folks as they were coming in both shows. So big thanks to them for that.

G. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Johann Wallace, **Seconded by** Christy Hirshberg.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by Mayor Johann R. Wallace on May 14, 2026.

Mr. Johann R. Wallace
Mayor

Attest: _____
Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk

Seal:

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Meeting for the Huachuca City Town Council held on April 9, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Ms. Brandye Thorpe,
Town Clerk